History as independent subject

†703. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided not to induct History as an independent subject from class 10th; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Government does not prescribe a curriculum or syllabus in the Schools. NCERT has prepared a National Curriculum Framework for School Education which is adopted/adapted by the State School Boards. As reported by NCERT, History is taught as a separate subject after class X *i.e.* in classes XI-XII. According to the National Policy and Education (1986) history is a part of environmental studies from classes I—V and social studies from classes VI—X.

Transparency in examination system

†704. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Board of Secondary Education conducts examinations for class 10th and 12th;

(b) if so, the number of complaints made during last three years on an average, regarding the doubtfulness about authenticity of the examinations; and

(c) whether in view of the complaints, Government would take any decision to bring about transparency in the examination system; if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) conducts examination for these classes for the schools affiliated with it.

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